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Man Receives Three Years in State Prison for Animal Cruelty

A Navy sailor has been sentenced to three years in state prison for abusing a Yorkshire Terrier puppy last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Benjamin Shaw (dob 3/9/90) pleaded no contest on Monday to one count of felony animal cruelty. Shaw, who surrendered to authorities today, was sentenced to three years in prison and banned from owning, possessing or caring for any animal for 10 years.

Deputy District Attorney Scott Dominguez said Shaw abused the five-pound puppy named Calvin on two occasions in September 2014. In one instance, Shaw beat the dog with a shoe and in another he slammed the pet onto the concrete, the prosecutor said.

The first incident was witnessed by neighbors and captured on video from a cell phone. A medical exam showed the abuse resulted in a dozen fractures and a collapsed lung. The puppy was treated for his injuries and has made a full recovery.

Case BA430283 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.